

Journey

Welcome to *Journey: Foundations for Discipleship and Mission* | Theme 8 | Steve King

Notes to Supplement Teaching Video, *Pursuing God's Call on Your life*, by Steve King

Grasp the framework and follow the path of God's call on your life.

Without God's revelation we cannot know God or what His call on our lives might be.

Creation (Romans 1:20)

Conscience (Romans 2:14-15)

Culture (Acts 17:26-27)

Christ as revealed in Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 5:39; John 14:6).

The Story Line of the Bible

Creation Genesis 1-2

Fall Genesis 3

Redemption Genesis 4 – Revelation 18

Restoration Revelation 19-22

God is always working His redemptive and restorative purposes.

He calls us into a love relationship with Him and joining Him in His work (John 3:16; 5:17).

As a follower of Christ, you are on first string on God's Redemption and Restoration team!

Follow the path of God's call on your life

1. God calls us to Himself.

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles in behalf of His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:6-7)

2. God conforms us to His image.

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. (Romans 8:28-30)

The Big Six of God's Will

Saved (1 Timothy 1:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9)

Spirit-Filled (Ephesians 5:17-21)

Sanctified (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7)



Suffering (1 Peter 3:17-18; 4:19)

Submissive (1 Peter 2:13-15)

Thankful (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

3. God provides us a new identity, power, and purpose in Christ.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

God does not call us in isolation but in the context of community.

4. God enables us to bloom where He plants us.

Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this way let him walk. And so, I direct in all the churches. Was any man called when he was already circumcised? He is not to become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? He is not to be circumcised. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God. Each person is to remain in that state in which he was called. Were you called as a slave? Do not let it concern you. But if you are also able to become free, take advantage of that. For the one who was called in the Lord as a slave, is the Lord's freed person; likewise, the one who was called as free, is Christ's slave. You were bought for a price; do not become slaves of people. Brothers and sisters, each one is to remain with God in that condition in which he was called. (1 Corinthians 7:17-24)

5. God calls us to join Him in His work. (Nehemiah 1-2)

Nehemiah modeled the traits of effectively following God's call to join him in his work.

He was a persistent intercessor not an accuser.

His faithfulness in blooming where God had planted him in Susa was foundational to opening the door to his next call to Jerusalem.

He wedded prayer and planning – prayer without planning is superficial and planning without prayer is presumptuous.

He motivated others to join him in God's work by,

1. through evaluation,
2. telling them the truth,
3. inviting them to work together, and
4. reminding them they are joining God in His work.

Pursuing God's Call on Your Life

Can you share with someone from memory the framework of God's call on our lives?

Do you know and are you motivated to follow the biblical path of God's call on your life?

Knowing God changes me into His image and enables me to bloom where He plants me and join Him in His work.